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Citizen wins at city hall

► Leader of anti-shark-fin charge taking his campaign to provincial, federal levels



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One might say Jeremy Larivee accomplished something many city councillors can only dream of.

Less than a week after his entry into city politics, the 27-year-old Londoner chalked up a victory at city hall on Monday, winning unanimous support for a ban on shark-fin products. It's all thanks to what Larivee, an electrician, considers a guiding principle. "If you let passion drive you, you'll triumph," he said.

In this case, it took passion and a fair bit of legwork. Larivee and a small army of volunteers went on an out-and-about campaign after the proposed ban got a cool reception at a committee meeting on Nov. 15.

That campaign included calling councillors and hand-delivering copies of the documentary *Sharkwater* to many of their homes. The film — which shows fins being removed from sharks and their carcasses dumped back in the

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Some 70 million to 80 million sharks are killed every year solely for their fins, says Jeremy Larivee, founder, with his wife, of Ocean Voice London.

water — was key, Larivee said. "It's hard to ignore the issue after you see that," he said. While he's never taken on city hall, Larivee and his wife have been trying to raise awareness of marine issues for some time.



► Jeremy Larivee, above and left.

The couple started Ocean Voice London about a year ago, after Larivee's wife came face to face with dolphin slaughter during a trip to Japan. The group has about 10 active members, which means others had to be recruited for the shark-fin shakedown.

For Monday night's council meeting, leaders of the campaign pulled together about 20 people, all of whom cheered when councillors approved the ban. Between last Thursday and 4:30 p.m. Monday, the group collected 820 signatures for an online petition supporting a new bylaw.

Winning the battle was a huge surprise, Larivee said.

"I called my councillor, Bill Armstrong, back in August about this, but because of some other issues that were going on at the time ... he said hold it off a bit," Larivee said. "I called the city on (Nov. 14) to put it forward again and found out it was on the agenda."

The victory could help bring other animal-rights issues to the forefront, said Florine Morrison, founder of the London Animal Alliance and co-founder of Animal Outreach. "It's encouraging," she said.

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The government will brighten the economic prospects of children and the country if it funds preschool for two-year-olds, a new study contends.
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Nickelback makes light of a petition against their upcoming halftime performance at a Detroit Lions game.

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Raising. A tree



► A worker in a cherry picker is dwarfed yesterday morning by the city's official Christmas tree in the Victoria Park band shell.

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Holiday spirit will be illuminated

Crews cut the 30-foot evergreen from the yard of a generous Hastings Drive homeowner. The lighting of the lights at Victoria Park is Friday. Carolling starts at 6:15 p.m. followed by the countdown to illumination. Participants will have a chance to help name the city's newest holiday display — a festive train. The winner of the contest will receive \$50 toward city recreation programs.

Rippers have a club to build

► As first promised, owner says local job fair is in the works ► Season, group tickets expected to be ready for sale any day ► Team to start season on the road May 18 ► home opener is May 25



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Party decks, box seats and locker-room upgrades are just a few of the things David Martin is promising for Labatt Park.

Overall, the London Rippers owner wants give the park somewhat of a facelift before his baseball team hits the diamond. While he's not talking details at this point, Martin expects his plans — to be rolled out in the spring — will up the

"excitement" level at the field.

"Ultimately, we're here to provide a great form of entertainment for the city," he said yesterday.

Designs for that work along with launching the London Rippers merchandise line are some of the things Martin's management team has been working on in the past week as controversy swirls about the brand.

That, and the Rippers are building support despite their critics. The

team's Facebook page hit 500 fans yesterday afternoon, an online petition endorsing the team's Jack-the-Ripperish spin is getting some attention and more than 200 people are following on Twitter.

Martin said sales of merchandise — which officially started Monday — are "well into the four figures." Interest is coming from as far away as Japan and New Zealand, he said.

Whether any of the Facebook "likers" and Twitter followers will make it

On the web

► The London Rippers are making quick work of bringing their website up to snuff.

► Check it out at londonprobbaseball.com.

into the grandstands, is a bit beside the point, Martin said.

"We wanted to associate the name London with baseball, and I think we've accomplished that," he said. "At the end of the day

I know we have a lot of support. I don't think people need someone else to be their moral compass in town."

Adam Buckley totally agrees with at least the last point. The 30-year-old Londoner says he isn't rushing out to brand himself with a Rippers logo, but he's thrown his support behind the team online.

"We're such an ultraconservative city, and it's nice to see someone say, 'Look, this is what our team's going to be.'"

Principal retiring after investigation

A London high school principal who was removed from his post in September is now retiring following a recently completed internal investigation.

A media release sent

yesterday from London District Catholic School Board education director Wilma deRond did not discuss allegations that led to Ted Gorski's removal, but says they did not involve students. ● METRO

Ballet tour cancelled

The Royal Winnipeg Ballet has cancelled its tour of Svengali to Toronto, Hamilton and London.

The London performance was scheduled for Jan. 23 at the RBC Theatre at John Labatt Centre. ● METRO

Theatre community helps tornado victims

About 650 theatre patrons congregated at the Huron Country Playhouse in Grand Bend on Sunday for Spotlight on Goderich: A Variety Show.

Approximately \$34,000 was raised, and because it

is being allocated to the 2:1 provincially matched Goderich and Area Disaster Relief Fund, the variety show will raise more than \$100,000 for victims of the tornado.

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Unknown cause in house fire

The London Fire Department was investigating a mid-day house fire on Monday.

Just after 2 p.m. a fire started on Snowden Crescent near Adelaide Street and Southdale Road. Fire damage was limited to the basement, but smoke damaged other parts of the house.

Fire officials say no one was home when the fire started and no firefighters were injured putting out the blaze. But the smoke did kill the family cat.

Platoon chief Paul Carew says they arrived to find an intense fire.

"We encountered extremely thick smoke conditions when the front door was breached, which indicated that the fire was well seeded and had been smouldering for quite some time," Carew said. **AM980/AM980.CA**

Fanshawe a good investment: Report

According to a report released by Economic Modeling Specialists Inc., Fanshawe College is a sound investment.

The report says the total impact of Fanshawe's operations, student spending and the incremental salaries of graduates, amount to approximately \$575 million per year.

"To explain it another way, Fanshawe's impact

\$572.1M The increase in labour income in London because of Fanshawe, according to the Economic Modeling Specialists Inc. report.

would be the equivalent of creating over 14,000 jobs in our region," said college president Howard Rundle.

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Man charged with online luring

A 33-year-old London man has been charged in an Internet-luring investigation. London police cyber crime unit executed a search warrant recently at a residence on Limberlost Road. John Lopez is charged with three counts of luring. ● METRO

Diamond coming to the JLC

Neil Diamond is coming to the John Labatt Centre on June 28. Tickets to see the legendary singer go on sale Monday, Dec. 12, at 10 a.m. You can get them at Ticketmaster.ca, LiveNation.com, NeilDiamond.com or johnlabattcentre.com. ● METRO

Election platform forms basis of throne speech



► Ontario Lt.-Gov. David Onley delivers the throne speech to mark the opening of the Ontario Legislative Assembly at Queen's Park in Toronto yesterday.



► John Wiersema

► Liberals repeat key promises for first session of Ontario legislature since winning minority on Oct. 6

There was little sign Ontario's Liberals have been reduced to a minority government in yesterday's throne speech, which sounded a lot like their campaign platform.

The speech repeated key Liberal promises. They include introducing a \$1,500 home renovation tax credit for seniors, cutting college and university tuition fees by 30 per cent starting Jan. 1, and taking the next steps towards all-day GO train commuter service in the Golden Horseshoe.

The 12-page throne speech, read by Lt.-Gov. David Onley, said the Liberals would govern based on ideas they put forward during the fall campaign, and spoke about the "four-year mandate" they were given.

"Your government will implement the plan it campaigned on, and Ontario's elected it to carry out, as a strong, steady gov-

ernment," Onley said.

The government said the seniors' home-renovation tax credit, which would cost \$136 million a year, combined with an increase in home-care services, will stimulate the economy by creating jobs, and keep people out of more expensive hospitals and long-term care homes.

"These two initiatives would improve seniors' quality of life by allowing them to stay in their own homes longer, and provide a real, tangible benefit to taxpayers by saving long-term (health) care costs," said Onley.

Some details will come today when Finance Minister Dwight Duncan delivers his fall economic update in the legislature, but the throne speech spoke about dealing with the "new global economic reality," without offering concrete steps.

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Tobacco Transition Program criticized

The auditor general says a \$284-million program to get Ontario farmers out of the tobacco-growing business became a confusing fiasco. Interim auditor general John Wiersema says the 2008-2009 Tobacco

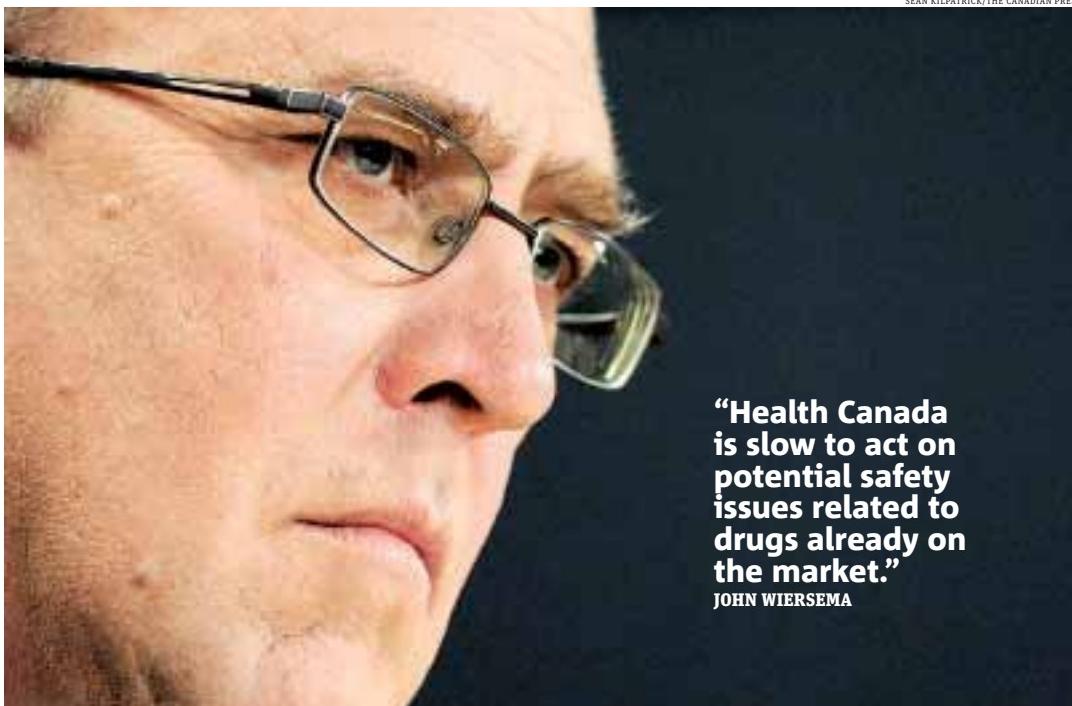
Transition Program was not well-planned. More than half the people who received money weren't active tobacco farmers at the time, although they were entitled to grow it under the quota system run by the

provincial Tobacco Marketing Board. Some farmers ended up taking money to get out of the business, then shifted their land and equipment to relatives who kept on growing tobacco.

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Health Canada rapped over slow drug info

- Public should be told about risks sooner, says auditor general
- Tories warned: Don't let cost-cutting increase the dangers



SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The public is waiting far too long to be warned of significant risks about the drugs they take, the federal auditor general said yesterday.

It's only the latest example of risk caused by rampant information mismanagement that is undercutting work in many federal departments, said interim auditor general John Wiersema.

He warned the government to make sure things don't get worse as it goes about a major cost-cutting exercise over the coming years.

"We have found that poor information is a wide-

Fund fumble

► The federal auditor general says he has been given no way to measure the employment impact of a billion-dollar fund designed to maintain or create jobs during the last recession.

► The Community Adjustment Fund was one of three programs under the Conservative government's self-styled Economic Action Plan that were examined by interim auditor John Wiersema.

spread, chronic problem in the federal government," Wiersema said in

an overview of government operations.

"Managers are not systematically collecting and using the information they need to manage their programs, and they are not held accountable for this."

The audit of Health Canada found the department has an archaic system of monitoring that can take years to tell the public that some drugs already on the market come with significant risks.

In one case, a drug that was being prescribed for epilepsy, migraines, psychiatric conditions or weight loss was found to be linked to birth defects.

But it took six months

for the brand-name drug to include a warning, and almost two years for generic producers to be told they had to change their labels and warnings.

In another case, the United States was already warning in 2006 that the long-term benefits of low-dose ASA could be eroded by taking ibuprofen.

But in Canada, a review took more than three years, and orders to change labelling for the public are still not fully in place.

"Health Canada is slow to act on potential safety issues," Wiersema said in a release.

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Tighten visa system, auditor urges

Canada's border watchdogs need to tighten the visa system with better health and security screening for people who want to come to Canada either as visitors or permanent residents, says the

auditor's report.

Yesterday's report from John Wiersema, the interim auditor general, says Immigration Canada and the Canada Border Services Agency need to do a better job of managing risks.

He said his office has been pointing out weaknesses in the visa system for 20 years.

"I find it disturbing that fundamental weaknesses still exist," he said.

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In 2010, MDs issued 505 million prescriptions. In 2008, there were 13,000 different kinds of prescription and non-prescription drugs sold in Canada.

Submerged-car victims lived in fear, court told

Three girls allegedly killed by their family over honour complained to police, child protection officials and social workers just months before their deaths, a court has heard.

They said their father and brother assaulted them and their mother feared for their lives, the court in Kingston was told yesterday.

The eldest daughter, Zainab, 19, ran away to a women's shelter two months before the girls' bodies were found in a submerged car.

She told workers there that she was afraid of her

"Be aware of my bro.... I (don't) want to give him the slightest idea that we (are) friends."

ALLEGEDLY PART OF AN EMAIL VICTIM WROTE TO HER BOYFRIEND

father, the court heard.

The girls' parents, Tooba Mohammad Yahya, 41, and Mohammad Shafia, 58, and their brother, Hamed Mohammad Shafia, 20, are accused of killing them as well as Shafia's other wife in a polygamous marriage.

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FORMAL GUIDELINES

Ottawa tunes in to tweets

The federal government has hit the Like button on social media.

It's unveiling a formal set of guidelines for how departments should use sites like Twitter and Facebook.

"For many Canadians, Web 2.0 is increasingly becoming a primary channel for sending, re-

ceiving and generating information," say the guidelines. But they also note public servants need to be aware of the risks of operating in social media circles.

Treasury Board President Tony Clement, who is an avid user of social media, told public servants at a conference in Ottawa that online tools have an important role in government.

"They are the modern-day equivalents of 'town halls,'" he said, according to a prepared text of his remarks.

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Watchdog assails loss of gun data

The federal information watchdog says a move to destroy gun-registry records sets a bad precedent.

Suzanne Legault told a Commons committee yesterday that a federal bill to scrap the long-gun registry — and delete millions of records — violates the Library and Archives of Canada Act.

"I have serious concerns about the impact this bill will have on government information management," she said.

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Thorold gives vets a reprieve

Officials in Thorold are apologizing after parking tickets were issued to some veterans taking part in the Remembrance Day ceremonies.

The city is also cancelling more than a dozen tickets that were issued Nov. 11 outside the Royal Canadian Legion.

The city is chalking it up to a mistake by a parking enforcement officer.

There's a bylaw in place that prevents ticketing on Remembrance Day.

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Supermodel adviser blames tabloid hacking for sacking

► Inquiry set up by British PM following News of the World scandal
 ► Victims' lawyers accuse Daily Mail of trying to intimidate witnesses

Elle Macpherson fired her business adviser for leaking secrets when journalists were actually getting juicy details about the supermodel by hacking into her phone, the former aide told a British inquiry into media ethics yesterday.

In testimony, Mary-Ellen Field described how she lost both her job for Macpherson and one at an advisory firm because of the unfounded suspicions — a double-blow that was all the more serious because she was in poor health. She didn't identify her illness.

Field was one of several victims of press intrusion testifying yesterday at Britain's Royal Courts of Justice. The inquiry was set up after the scandal over phone hacking and other

tactics used at the News of the World, which was closed by media mogul Rupert Murdoch in July. The inquiry plans to issue a report next year and could recommend major changes to the way the media in Britain are regulated.

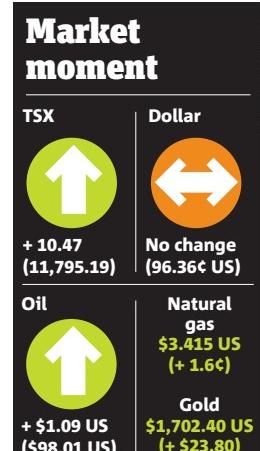
Field said her relationship with Macpherson was once close, but it fell apart after the model's intimate secrets began appearing in the press in 2005. Macpherson became convinced that Field was an alcoholic and ordered her to go to a U.S. rehabilitation clinic.

Field said she was shocked by the allegations, but went along with Macpherson's recommendation. "I have a severely disabled child who can never look after himself, so

walking away from a high-paying position is not a good idea," Field said.

Even though staff at the clinic said Field was not an alcoholic, Macpherson fired her anyway, and Field lost her job at her firm shortly afterward. Although it has since emerged that the media leaks were the result of phone hacking, Field said she has not heard from Macpherson in years.

Soccer player Garry Flitcroft also told the court of his family's harassment by the media after the failure of a judicial bid to block news of his extramarital affair. And British comedian Steve Coogan claimed that he was warned in 2002 that Andy Coulson — then deputy editor of News of the World — would be lis-



tening in on a conversation Coogan had with a woman in a bid to trick him into making indiscreet comments. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



News in brief

Facebook and HTC get closer

SMARTPHONE. Facebook is working closely with HTC to create a smartphone with smoother social media integration.

According to the website All Things D, the new phone, codenamed Buffy, for the vampire slayer of TV fame, should be available within the next 12 to 18 months. All Things D reports that Facebook is modifying Google's Android operating system to fully integrate its many services into the smartphone. Buffy is expected to allow deeper integration of friends and activities.

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Iconic ads to raise cash

CHICAGO. Seven vinyl banners draped this month along one of Chicago's most iconic bridges — advertisements some

have dubbed "a visual crime" and "commercial graffiti" — are reviving a debate about how governments raise money in tough economic times.

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration, straining to fill a \$600-million US budget hole, is looking to raise \$25 million from ads on city property — including bridges, electrical storage boxes and garbage cans.

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Retail sales up, despite falling stock

CONSUMERISM. Canadian consumers appeared to ignore the falling stock market and economic concerns in September, spending on cars, electronics and other goods as they gave retail sales their strongest boost in nearly a year.

The strong September numbers — the best monthly advance since November 2010 — also fuelled speculation that the economy will likely show solid growth for the summer quarter.

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Change your password, often

Online security experts say there are a number of tactics to thwart hackers when it comes to passwords, including changing them regularly and using a hard-to-guess combination of letters, numbers, punctuation and symbols.

But perhaps the best piece of advice is not to use the word password as your password.

The California-based software company SplashData analyzed millions of stolen passwords that had been obtained by hackers and found some dangerously simple choices came up again and again.

The most common was password, followed by 123456, 12345678, qwerty, abc123, monkey, 1234567,



letmein, trustno1, dragon and baseball.

Users who have trouble remembering all their online passwords can buy software to automatically —

and securely — log them into websites. SplashData's version is SplashID, while the Canadian company AgileBits makes 1Password. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Risky log-ins

- 123456, 1234567 or 12345678
- qwerty
- abc123
- monkey
- letmein
- dragon
- trustno1
- baseball
- iloveyou
- master
- sunshine
- ashley
- bailey
- password
- superman
- qazwsx
- michael
- Football
- 111111
- 123123
- 654321

Prairies the place to be this holiday season: RBC

Residents of Atlantic Canada plan to be the most generous in the country this holiday season, according to Royal Bank data.

RBC says 90 per cent of Atlantic Canadians plan on

giving gifts, compared to 80 per cent nationally. The bank says residents intend to spend an average of \$877 on gifts — well above the national average of \$640.

In Manitoba and

Saskatchewan, 88 per cent of consumers say they plan to give gifts and spend an average of \$686. In Alberta, 82 per cent of consumers say they plan on giving gifts and expect to spend an average of \$703 this season.

RBC says 79 per cent of Ontario consumers expect to give gifts and spend \$663 on average, roughly \$50 more than last year.

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WATCH YOURSELF, NOW EVERYONE ELSE CAN TOO

JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN
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There was a time that if you wanted to stand naked on your patio, only the guy with the binoculars across the street would catch you in the act.

These days, thanks to Google Street View, everyone gets to look. Just ask the woman in Miami who today finds that her naked foray onto her back stoop, captured by a passing Google Street View camera, yields more than two million results on the search engine of the same name.

Google Street View is supposed to be a helpful way for you to see your destination as it really looks, as opposed to a pointy B pin on a map. It is not supposed to offer a panorama of human folly, such as the casually careless naked lady, or the equally naked guy in Germany climbing out of the trunk of his car, or the guy walking his snake down the street, or various Brits mooning the passing camera, or the two Norwegian scuba divers running down the street on flippers, complete with tridents. (Why did the scuba divers cross the road?)

As the Street View cameras capture every square millimetre of the planet and resolution improves, it's only going to get worse. Or better, if you like to watch.

Google is self-correcting, and as soon as it learned about its naked-lady problem, it turned her into a pixelated blur, but only after the photos of the poor women spread across the Internet like the bird flu.

What do we expect when we combine the Internet with the latest surveillance technology? Google Street View has the potential to turn us all into everyday fugitives from scrutiny, trapped in a high-res corner with nowhere to hide.

It's not just that Big Brother is watching, although you know he is. It's also that little sister and Cousin Bert and Uncle Ernie and all Rabbit's friends and relations are watching as well.

Of course, not everyone sees that as a bad thing, such as the guy who found Google Street View to be an ideal way to expose himself to anyone who happened upon his sad, little — with an emphasis on little — sector of the galaxy.

For the rest of us, it's bad enough we have to wear clean underwear every day in case we get hit by a bus and have to be undressed by medical personnel. Now we also have to make sure, no matter where we are, to remember to wear clothes and, while we're at it, keep the nose mining to a minimum.

And smile, dammit.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

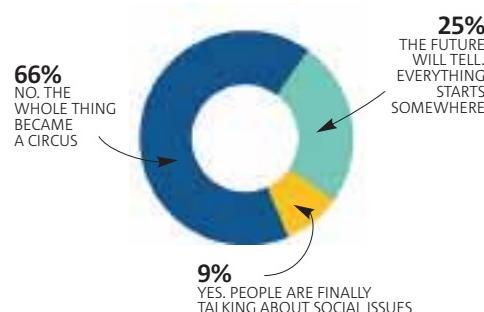


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Do you think the Occupy movement made an impact?



Local tweets

- ▶ **@Chatty-CathyD:** #SWEET-CAROLINE! We can finally sing along to the entire song @JLC! Neil Diamond to play #ldnont @JLC on June 28/12!
- ▶ **@laurandrews:** when is it socially acceptable for me to start wearing my #canadagoose? #whitegirl-problems #uwo
- ▶ **@_heystephaniee:** Got pulled over this morning. Apparently, driving down backroads to work at Sam is suspicious. #ldnont'sfinest
- ▶ **@SalaScarcello:** Spotted:

- #UWO campus police stopping traffic to save a raccoon on a roadside stroll. Raccoons are people too!
- ▶ **@lbaker66:** Break-out your hunter linings and ugg boots, it's TNA coat season.#uwo
- ▶ **@kalknight:** mondays and wednesdays #bestdaysever #dance #fanshawee
- ▶ **@M_Wilhelm:** #TodayImWearing My old #fanshawee sweater
- ▶ **@vanlee_a:** Steven Kopp: hands down my fave prof at #UWO
- ▶ **@sarah_rulli:** 19 days left at #uwo....ever. #seeyalondon

Worth Mentioning

DRIVING HIV TESTS HOME.

At one office of the Department of Motor Vehicles in Washington, D.C., motorists can get a driver's licence, temporary road-tax stickers and something wholly unrelated to the road: A free HIV test.

In a city with one of the highest percentages of residents living with HIV or AIDS, health officials have now test-driven the in-DMV testing and are finding that it works. So far, more than 5,000 people have been screened and received results while they wait.

"You have to meet people where they are," explained Sheila Brockington, who oversees HIV testing at the DMV office.

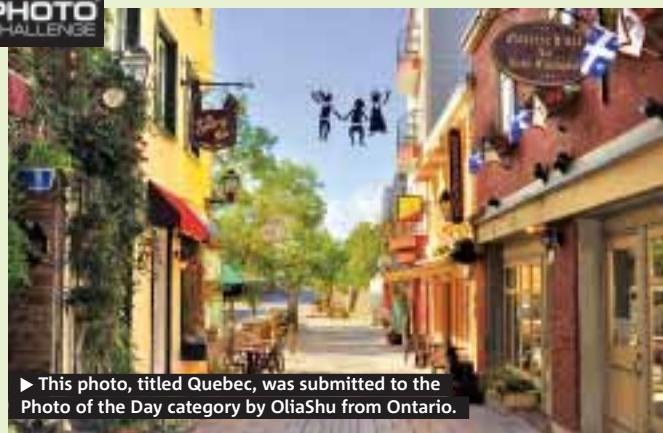
Initially, some officials doubted many people would test. Now, however, between 25 and 35 people get tested every day at the DMV location. Anyone who agrees gets \$7 off their bill.

By now, the people who run the program have their pitch down. When people are in line, one of the testers approaches with the offer: Free tests, money off your bill and the promise that it won't hurt.

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photo of the day



▶ This photo, titled Quebec, was submitted to the Photo of the Day category by OliaShu from Ontario.

The submission period for the Metro Global Photo Challenge — which ran in 100 cities on four continents — is now over and Metro needs your help choosing a winner. Visit metrophotchallenge.com to vote for your favourite photos. Metro will feature the winning entries once they have been chosen.

WEIRD NEWS

Art in the pigsty of the beholder

Live graffiti painting. A colossal rose bed soaring 20 feet high. Early photos of Andy Warhol, a Picasso up for auction and a naked woman living in a pigpen. They're all part of the lineup for Art Basel Miami Beach, which runs Dec. 1-4, with a host of related events beginning Nov. 30.

The pigpen installation will undoubtedly be the most jaw-dropping event at the art fair. Known for photographing herself nude in subway tunnels or in front of graffiti

walls, performance artist Miru Kim will be living with pigs for her performance The Pig That Therefore I Am.

"The immediate connection between pigs and me will be felt through seeing the living bodies mingle through skin," Kim told The Associated Press. A glass barrier will act as "an insatiable gap between the spectacle and the onlooker, just like in a zoo."

The pigpen installation will be among the shows at the Primary Flight open air museum. "Some people are really going to love it. Some are going to be shocked. And a handful won't really get it," said Primary Flight founder Books Bischof.

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The orphan adoption

► Martin Scorsese is the latest director to make a movie about a child with no parents
 ► Richard Crouse takes a look at Hugo and why orphans tug on our heartstrings

IN FOCUS

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The new Martin Scorsese film is the director's first PG rated film in 18 years. Hugo is a handsome 3D kid's flick featuring adventure, a broken robot, a toy store owner and one of the mainstays of central casting — an orphan.

There are all kinds of on-screen orphans, some lovable — The Jungle Book's Mowgli, Harry Potter — some not — Hannibal Lecter, Darth Vader — but few have been as memorable as Oliver Twist.

The youngster first captured people's imaginations 173 years ago as the title character in Charles Dickens's second book and debuted on film in 1908.

Since then there have been at least eleven adaptations of the story of an urchin who famously asked his cruel workhouse foreman for more gruel with the words, "Please sir, I want some more."

The most famous version of the story has to be Oliver!, a splashy 1968 all-singing all-dancing edition, which film critic Pauline Kael said was one of the few film adaptations of a stage musical superior to the original stage show.



► Asa Butterfield, left, plays Hugo Cabret and Chloë Grace Moretz plays Isabelle in Hugo.

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Oliver had it rough. Much rougher than Little Orphan Annie, the perky red-haired waif adopted by the über-wealthy Daddy Warbucks, but for the actress who played her in the 1982 movie Annie there were some unpleasant moments.

The curly red wig Aileen Quinn wore was so itchy that a specially designed comb had to be created to give her some relief, and in order to get Annie's dog Sandy to realistically kiss her the prop master rubbed Alpo all over her face.

Still, Quinn says, "I just remember hating the best time."

Unlike our next orphans, Oliver and Annie were decidedly earth-bound ragamuffins, but the movies have seen lots of alien children abandoned on our planet.

In Escape to Witch Mountain, Tony and Tia Malone's psychic abilities made them standouts at the orphanage and the moniker Clark Kent was the name his human adoptive parent's gave to Kal-El. You know him best as Superman.

Superman wasn't the only superhero orphan, however.

The death of Bruce Wayne's parents at the hand of the Joker prompted him to become the Caped Crusader. "You made me," he grumbles to the parent's killer in Batman.

Finally, Peter Parker's parents were Richard and Mary, CIA agents killed in the line of duty.

Rumour has it they will appear in the 2012 reboot, The Amazing Spider-Man, played by Campbell Scott and Embeth Davidtz.



Scene in brief



Leonard Cohen will usher in the new year with a CD of Old Ideas. The 77-year-old Montreal songwriter will release his first album in more than seven years on Jan.

31. Old Ideas will consist of 10 tracks that "poetically address some of the most profound quandaries of human existence," according to a release from Cohen's label.

Some of the new tunes have been around for a while — early versions of tracks Amen and Lullaby were originally recorded in 2007, while Cohen performed new tune The Darkness during his recent world tour.

Another new track, Show Me The Place, is now streaming on Cohen's website, where fans can pre-order the upcoming disc.

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Arthur Christmas

Genre: Comedy/Drama
Director: Sarah Smith
Stars: James McAvoy, Hugh Laurie

Arthur Christmas not only answers the mystery of how Santa Claus delivers billions of presents in one night but it shows how the now high-tech computer-operated system is flawed. When one girl doesn't get her gift, Santa's inept son



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(McAvoy) sets off to ensure Christmas isn't ruined. For all its familiar themes, Arthur delivers enough

clever laughs and eye-popping scenery to entertain kiddies hungry for holiday fare. STEVE GOW

The Muppets

Genre: Comedy/Musical
Director: James Bobin
Stars: Amy Adams, Jason Segel and Chris Cooper

There may have been better films released in 2011, but this critic is hard pressed to think of a better movie than The Muppets, writer/star Jason Segel and director James Bobbin's revamp of the beloved '70s TV series as well as the ex-

panded big screen franchise that followed. It's perfect entertainment, ferociously funny and far out. Segel is perfect as Gary, who lives a candy-coated life with his muppet obsessed, felt and faux fur covered brother Walter, and his sunny, long suffering girlfriend Mary (Amy Adams). When the trio head to Hollywood to make Walter's dreams of meeting Kermit and company come

true, they become embroiled in a scheme to save the muppet theatre from a scowling, rapping oil baron (Chris Cooper). Filled to the gills with chirpy, catchy

pop songs and subversive gags, The Muppets works as both a nostalgia piece for parents and a wild romp for kids.

CHRIS ALEXANDER

**Hugo**

Genre: Adventure/Drama
Director: Martin Scorsese
Stars: Asa Butterfield, Chloë Grace Moretz and Christopher Lee

Set in 1930s Paris, the new Martin Scorsese film

is a sophisticated kid's movie about an orphan obsessed with repairing an automaton left behind by his father.

His fixation leads him to forgotten film pioneer Georges Méliès and a new life.

Hugo is the Scorsese's homage not only to the filmmakers who shaped his youth but to the art form itself.

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THE ROOTS AIR THEIR FEELINGS

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On Monday night's Late Night With Jimmy Fallon the band picked some inflammatory music for featured guest (and Republican presidential candidate) Michele Bachmann to walk into.

The song they picked? Lyin' Ass B—by Fishbone.

And it wasn't a slip-up. Questlove even told fans and followers to pay attention via Twitter: "aight late night walkon song devotees: you love it when we snark: this next one takes the cake. Ask around cause Iaint tweeting the title," he wrote. Then he even took it a step further by tweeting a link to the album and making fans guess which song they picked.

If Fishbone only had come up with a ska song entitled: You Have Different Political Views Than Me — Many of Which I Find Utterly Misguided and Wrong-headed — But We Live in a Country Where We Are Allowed to Have Different Beliefs and So We Will Just Agree to Disagree. Also, It Is Not Polite to Call a Woman a 'B'.... Fallon and The Roots would not find themselves in this pickle. And it will be a pickle. A huge, massive pickle.



► Bachmann on Late Night with Jimmy Fallon.

tongue and cheek — and directed to fixtures of popular culture. This is a presidential candidate, congresswoman, and a foster parent to more than 23 children. No matter what you think of Bachmann's political views, it's offensive that a house band would sneakily suggest a woman is a "b—" on national television.

As Spin points out, The Roots often use songs to express their feelings. Two notable examples are playing Milli Vanilli when notorious lip-syncher Ashlee Simpson came on the show and introducing Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt with Beck's Loser.

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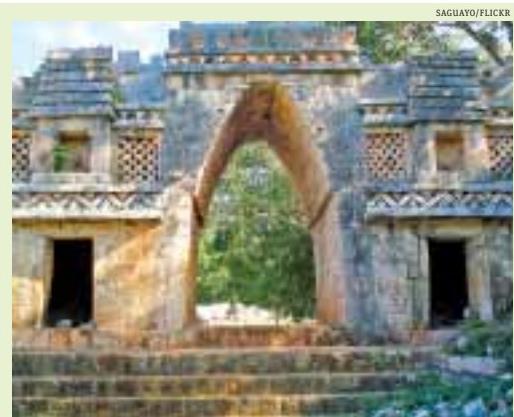


► Top beach destination? Hawaii

Kauai, Hawaii

On the island's north shore, three-kilometre-

long Hanalei Bay is Frommer's choice for top beach destination for 2012. Volcanic cliffs and 300-metre waterfalls form the backdrop.



Yucatan Peninsula

The safest region in Mexico, according to Frommer's. Go for the beaches, the food, the fiestas and the exotic wildlife. There are also Mayan sites to explore.

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Roatan, Honduras

"A casual and refreshingly unpolished slice of the tropics," says Frommer's. The Caribbean island is a major destination for diving and snorkelling.



► Snorkelling in Roatan

New York City

At Grand Central Terminal a free light show plays on the walls of the main concourse every half-hour through December. Other things to see: Rockefeller Center's Christmas tree with 30,000 lights; elaborate holiday window displays; and "the world's largest menorah," at 10 metres high, in front of the Plaza Hotel.



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Rhine River

A holiday-season cruise on the Rhine River: An eight-day tour between Basel, Switzerland, and Cologne, Germany, includes both famous and lesser-known Christmas markets.



► Enjoy bucolic views on a Rhine River cruise

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Travel in brief



You are laid over in a city somewhere out there in the world with 24 hours to kill. Do you burrow into your hotel suite, fed by room service and movies-on-demand, until time to head back to the airport? Not if you're Anthony Bourdain, globe-trotting gastronome and on-the-fly bon vivant. With no time to spare, you gorge on local cuisine, savour local sights and maximize exposure to indigenous culture. Tomorrow on the plane you can catch up on your sleep!

That, in Bourdain's words, is "the art of the layover," the finer points of which he shares on *The Layover*, his new Travel Channel series which premiered Monday at 9 p.m. EST.

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Place d'Armes: Old Montreal's public square cradle of city's long history

Honky tonk Town

► This isn't L.A., but there are plenty of (country) stars to gaze at ► Delight in Nashville's down-home feel

There's no shortage of twinkling celestial bodies in Nashville's night sky, but down on terra firma Music City USA has an abundance of human stars strolling its sidewalks.

Music is a multi-billion dollar industry in Nashville. With dozens of musical venues and scores of recording studios, Music City comes by its name honestly. There are so many stage, television and film stars living in and around Nashville, locals tend to treat the famous simply as neighbours.

It's the same if you're a tourist spending time at this popular destination. Nashville and the state of Tennessee have a delightful, unpretentious down-home feel for the visitor.

The city is the hub of pretty well every musical genre, and location of the immortal Grand Ole Opry and the Ryman Auditorium, where the likes of James Brown, Patsy Cline

and Bruce Springsteen have thrilled generations of fans during its long history. While it might be a long way from rhinestones and elongated limos, the Bluebird Cafe is where you'll find many true hearts listening to a broad range of traditional music. The Bluebird is an intimate and inexpensive place to linger over a couple of beers and bask in the sounds created by topnotch professional singers and musicians.

For a city that's been called the buckle on the Bible belt (the city is home to the world's largest publisher of Bibles), Nashville has all the neon sparkle of a tourist town. However, you will also discover a deep cultural sophistication that will surprise you.

To experience these cultural roots, take time to visit the Frist Centre for the Visual Arts, the dramatic \$20-million conversion of an Art Deco 1930s post office in downtown Nashville.

Over at the magnificent Schermerhorn Symphony Centre you could take in a Beethoven evening.

About 12 kilometres southwest of downtown, there's more elegant grandeur waiting to be discovered. Called Nashville's home of art and gardens, Cheekwood, once the private home and estate of the Cheek family (who founded the Maxwell House empire), provides visitors with a unique experience of art and gardens. Completed in 1932, Cheekwood is set in a beautiful 55-acre property and was opened to the public in 1960, with a dedication given by Senator Albert Gore, Sr. And then there are the must-see places that neighbour Nashville, such as Franklin. With its 15-block historic district, the city offers true Southern hospitality with a restored American "Main Street" and 200 years of rich history.

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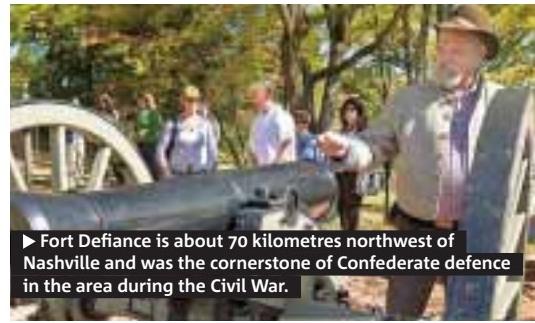
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► Nashville honky tonk bar Tootsie's Orchid Lounge

If you go...

- Stay: A popular place to stay is the Gaylord Opryland. It's a huge complex with so many indoor gardens, waterfalls and restaurants, you'll be tempted to stay longer.
- See: The Christmas season is great in Nashville, and this hotel puts on a show from Nov. 18 to Jan. 3.



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Feast on fruit-stuffed soda bread

Swing into baking season and delight family with this simple-to-whip-up soda bread with dried cherries.

It's perfect at breakfast or with a cup of tea or coffee during a welcome break in the day.

Try the sliced loaf with butter or cream cheese.

Preparation:

1 Heat oven to 350 F. Lightly grease a baking sheet or line with parchment

paper.

2 In a bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt.

3 Cut in shortening with a pastry blender or fork until mixture resembles coarse meal. Add cherries and buttermilk, stirring until all ingredients are moistened. Turn out onto floured surface and knead dough for

Ingredients:

- 1.125 ml (4 1/2 cups) all-purpose flour
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) granulated sugar
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) baking powder
- 2 ml (1/2 tbsp) baking so-
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- 2 ml (1/2 tbsp) salt
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) shortening
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) dried cherries, cranberries or raisons
- 500 ml (2 cups) buttermilk

about 1 minute. Shape into a ball.

4 Place on prepared baking sheet and bake in centre

of the oven for 30-35 minutes or until loaf is golden and sounds hollow when tapped.

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Pounding the pavement pays off

STUDENT VOICE

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I recently graduated from York University with a BA (Honours) in communications studies. I participated in many internships throughout my university career, had numerous part-time jobs, and I excelled academically.

I thought that finding a job when I graduated would be incredibly easy, since I was so motivated and enthusiastic about joining the workforce. But little did I know that this would not be the case.

I was eager to find a position in the field of communications and public relations in order to see if this type of work was right for me. Checking job boards was one of my daily



► Naomi Elmaleh kept her head high during the hunt and now she's got plenty to smile about.

activities.

I applied and kept track of every resumé and cover letter I sent in — and it totalled over 90 in the span of five months. After only hearing back from six or seven, I was discouraged,

furious, and upset with myself. I just had to find another way.

I found the best way to look for work was networking. I made use of all the resources and connections I had because I realized that

you never know who might know of someone who is looking for someone.

I also found it helpful to go on informational interviews, which is calling or emailing someone from a company you would like to work for and asking if they would be willing to meet with you briefly.

You would be surprised to see how many professionals are willing to help out recent grads.

Feel free to ask them anything about their line of work, working at that company even ask if they can take a look at your resumé.

Sometimes they will take it with them and keep it on file.

My advice to recent graduates is to never feel discouraged. Finding a job is very time-consuming, and it takes a lot of hard work and dedication. If the search seems to be never-ending,

Where Naomi is now

I am currently the director of communications and student programming at a supplementary school in Toronto.

I am very happy with my position and the organization I work for and I know that my time here will be very rewarding. I do hope to return to school to complete a post-graduate certificate in public relations and communications, as well as to continue my work in the non-profit sector in Toronto.

don't give up. I know it sounds a little corny, but it's true.

Tap into all the resources you can use: TalentEgg, LinkedIn, Facebook, friends, family, newspapers, networking events, and don't be afraid to put yourself out there.

Let employers see your enthusiasm, passion, hard-work ethic, and motivation.

After months on the job hunt, I was finally offered a position at a great organization.

My recommendation for employers is to be more open-minded. A lot of job postings require a number of years worth of work experience in that field.

When you are a recent graduate looking for a job, this qualification seems very daunting.

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one-sided employment contracts that reduce their legal rights. Regrettably, employees with little bargaining power or an understanding of the law, seldom realize that their interests are being undermined. What are some of the more punitive contractual terms?

Probationary periods

New employees are not 'probationary' as a matter

of law. They are only probationary if they agree to it in a contract. If they have, employers are then given the right to dismiss for reasons that would otherwise be insufficient and worse, by providing only minimum notice or pay, or often less.

Termination clauses

Without any language surrounding termination in the contract, employees are entitled to 'fair' severance upon their termination based on how long it would take to find another job. However, employers often draft contracts to provide employees with less than what is fair. Why would anyone agree to this? Because they do not realize these terms can be negotiated or sometimes refused.

What should employees do? Review any new contract with a lawyer and don't be reluctant to renegotiate terms.

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Return just the beginning

Crosby has big plans for his Penguins after extend injury layoff

After making a spectacular four-point splash in his comeback game, a healthy Sidney Crosby has no plans to lower his goals.

The Penguins captain issued a warning yesterday to those tempted to dismiss his eye-popping performance in a 5-0 win over the New York Islanders as the byproduct of pent-up emotion, electric atmosphere and inferior opponent.

While the crowd of reporters around him was thinned considerably from 12 hours before, Crosby said he intends to get back to playing like he did last season. Before being sidelined with a concussion, with 32 goals and 66 points in 41 games, Crosby was on pace for the NHL's highest-scoring season since the mid-1990s.

"You look for ways to be motivated," Crosby said. "Sometimes they just kind of happen. For me, after going through this, I want to get back to where I was last season."

He added, "I know it's going to take some time."

Crosby finally appears to have health on his side. He is so convinced his concussion problems are behind him, he has no trips to his doctors currently scheduled.

The bar Crosby set last season was very high, how-

"It would be great, but I don't think it's possible, so it's not even something that is on my radar, to be honest with you."

SIDNEY CROSBY ON CATCHING NHL POINTS LEADER PHIL KESSEL.
CROSBY TRAILS BY 26 POINTS AFTER LAST NIGHT.

ever.

When he left the lineup following hard hits to the head in successive games Jan. 1 and 5, Crosby had just ended a 25-game scoring streak and a December in which he scored 14 goals in 13 games.

Now that he's back, Crosby also will be driven by the Penguins' unspoken desire to be the NHL's best team.

The talent appears to be there — no team has three centres comparable to Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and Jordan Staal.

"Winning is always the constant motivating force," Crosby said.

Even if, for one night, Crosby's motivation appeared to be proving to the entire league that a serious concussion and a 61-game layoff that stretched over two seasons weren't enough to diminish the skills of hockey's biggest star. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



► Sidney Crosby passes Pittsburgh head coach Dan Bylsma during a morning skate on Monday.

MLB bucks the trend, signs CBA early

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig and union head Michael Weiner smiled and exchanged handshakes while others in the room dug into knishes and pigs in a blanket.

Not exactly the typical scene surrounding sports labour talks this year.

Baseball ensured itself of 21 consecutive years of peace at a time the NBA season might be cancelled because of a lockout and the NFL still is recovering from its CBA negotiations.

"We've learned," Selig said yesterday after players and owners signed an



► Vice-president of labour relations Rob Manfred, left, MLB commissioner Bud Selig and players union executive director Michael Weiner, at a news conference in New York yesterday.

agreement for a five-year contract running until December 2016. "Nobody back in the '70s, '80s and the early '90s, 1994, would

ever believe that we would have 21 years of labour peace."

The agreement makes

league in North America to conduct blood tests for human growth hormone, allowing it during spring training and future off-seasons but for now only studying whether it will be implemented during the regular season.

The deal, which must be ratified by both sides and drafted into a formal contract, expands the playoffs from eight to 10 teams by 2013, lessens draft-pick compensation for free agents, expands salary arbitration by a few players and for the first time allows teams to trade some draft

selections.

It also adds unprecedented restraints on signing bonuses for amateur players coming to the major leagues from high school, college and overseas.

Following eight work stoppages from 1972-95, baseball reached its third straight agreement without an interruption of play. The current deal was to expire Dec. 11.

Baseball seems to have learned the lessons of the 1994-95 strike, which wiped out the World Series for the first time in nine decades. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Quoted



"I'm lost right now, I'll be honest with you. I'm not used to this ... It's crazy because I feel like the Grey Cup's not going to happen if I'm not in it, to be honest. But the show goes on and it's hard to deal with."

HAMILTON TIGER-CAT AVON COBOURNE. THE RUNNING BACK WAS COMING TO GRIPS WITH FALLING SHORT OF THE CFL'S GREY CUP FOR JUST THE SECOND TIME IN SIX YEARS YESTERDAY. AFTER JOINING THE MONTREAL ALOUETTES IN 2006, COBOURNE WON TWO GREY CUP RINGS AND LOST TWO CHAMPIONSHIPS. THE ONLY TIME HE HADN'T PLAYED IN THE GREY CUP DURING HIS CFL TENURE WAS 2007 – UNTIL NOW, HIS FIRST SEASON WITH THE TICATS WHO LOST TO THE WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS IN THE EAST DIVISION FINAL LAST WEEKEND.

Braun brings home NL MVP

► Milwaukee star beats out Dodgers' Kemp ► Braun's teammate Fielder finished third, Upton was fourth

Ryan Braun sat alone on a balcony in his Malibu home that overlooks the Pacific Ocean, uneasy about his chances of winning the National League's Most Valuable Player award.

With the season Los Angeles' Matt Kemp had, he wasn't sure the call would come at all.

The phone rang all right, and Braun has been smiling ever since.

Braun was voted the NL MVP yesterday after helping the Milwaukee Brewers win their first division title in nearly 30 years.

"I'm not going to pretend like I wasn't anxious or nervous because I was," Braun said. "It's honestly

"If you honestly assess both of our seasons individually, I think his numbers are probably better than mine, and I just feel fortunate to have been on the better team."

RYAN BRAUN, ON BEATING MATT KEMP FOR THE MVP AWARD

difficult to put into words how much this means to me."

The left-fielder re-

ceived 20-of-32 first-place votes and 388 points in voting announced by the Baseball Writers' Associa-

tion of America.

The 28-year-old Braun shared the news with his brother and girlfriend, who were at the house. He called his parents, then rang good friend Aaron Rodgers, the Green Bay Packers quarterback, and exchanged text messages with Kemp, the runner-up.

"This really is a dream,"

Braun said. "This is beyond my wildest dreams to be in this position at this point in my career."

Kemp earned 10 first-place votes and 332 points. Braun's teammate Prince Fielder finished third with 229 points, and Arizona's Justin Upton finished fourth with 214 points.

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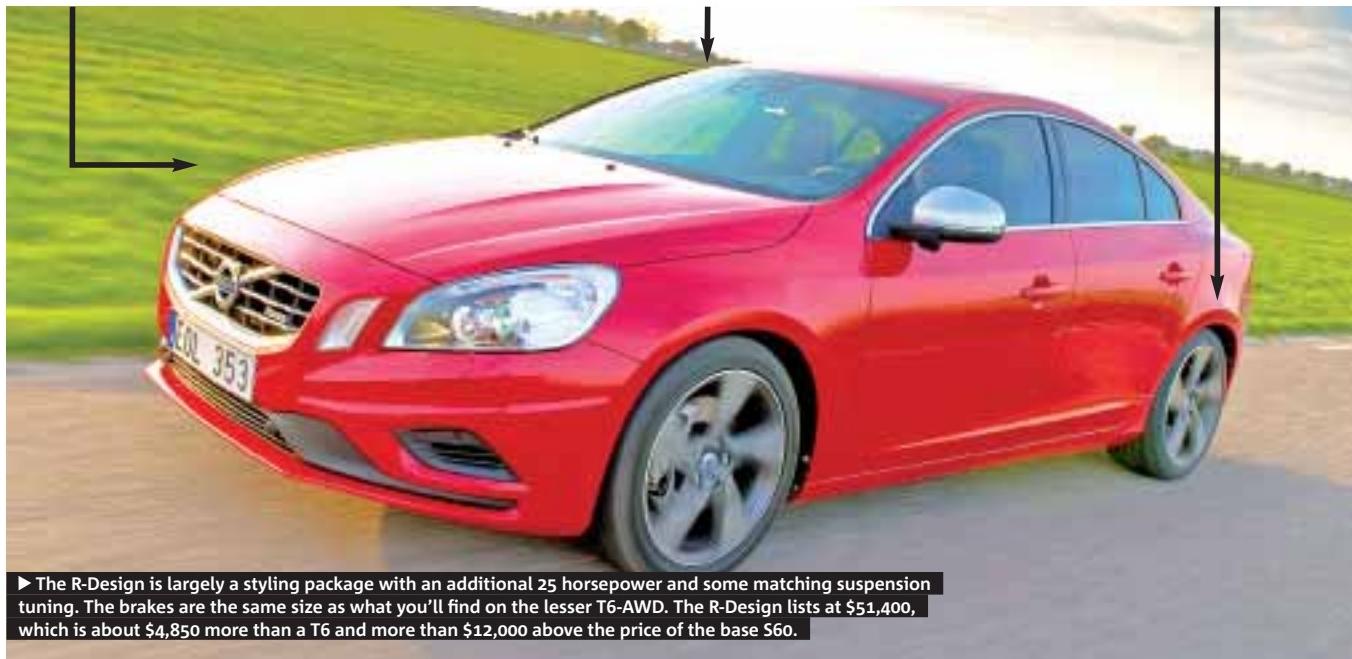
Under the hood is an inline six-cylinder engine that delivers 325 horsepower and 345 pound-feet of torque. That's up 25 horsepower over the S60's standard six-cylinder turbo engine, which was the only engine available for the 2011 model year.

Also joining the lineup for 2012 is a new T5 base model with a 250-horsepower 2.5-litre five-cylinder turbo engine. Unlike the 3.0, which is mated to an all-wheel-drive system, the 2.5 comes only as a front-wheel-driver.

0-to-100 km/h

According to Volvo, the R-Design will achieve a zero-to-100 km/h time in about 5.5 seconds, quicker by 0.3 than the now mid-range S60 T6. By comparison, the 333-horsepower Audi S4 is about a half-second quicker still, if that helps put things in perspective.

A six-speed "Geartronic" automatic transmission directs the power to the front (T5) or all four wheels, which is the case with both T6 models.



► The R-Design is largely a styling package with an additional 25 horsepower and some matching suspension tuning. The brakes are the same size as what you'll find on the lesser T6-AWD. The R-Design lists at \$51,400, which is about \$4,850 more than a T6 and more than \$12,000 above the price of the base S60.

Fashion statement

The easiest way to tell the T6 AWD R-Design from the rest of the line is by its blacked-out grille, lower chin spoiler and rear lower-body diffuser that's sandwiched between the twin exhaust pipes. A set of 18-inch "Ixion" alloy wheels makes a unique fashion statement.

The only R-Design logo you'll find is located in the grille area, which is a very subtle and elegant touch.



By comparison

Acura TL SH-AWD

Base price: \$45,400
Newly restyled, well-equipped model makes 305 hp in AWD trim.

Audi S4 Quattro

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model year.

At that time, Volvo announced that a more basic S60 would follow.

It has delivered on that promise, but in a surprise move, the automaker is also marketing a more aggressive-looking — and acting —

performance version.

The T6 AWD R-Design is an extension of the same car that has gone further than just about any previous Volvo model since the 1960s P1800 coupe at removing Volvo's boxy stigma. For the R-Design, the front and rear end have been remodelled while

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The R-Design adds a more muscular dimension to what is one of Volvo's more popular models.

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Toyota marks Canadian anniversary at plant

A day after Toyota celebrated the start of Corolla production at its new Mississippi assembly plant in the United States, the big Japanese carmaker marked its 25th anniversary making vehicles in Canada last Friday.

Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada hosted a celebration in the southwestern Ontario city of Cambridge, where the company began its Canadian operations in 1986.

At the time, the company estimated it would have 1,000 workers and produce 50,000 cars a year.

Today, the automaker operates three plants in Ontario and employs about 6,500 workers.

Last year, it built more than 458,000 Toyota and



► Toyota Corp. president Akio Toyoda.

operations in the world," Toyota Corp. president Akio Toyoda said at the ceremony, attended by federal, provincial and local officials.

"It has done so by consistently exceeding expectations."

Ontario has seen traditional Detroit Three carmakers — GM, Ford and Chrysler — cut tens of thousands of jobs in the last decade as their parent companies restructured in the United States.

But Toyota and Honda have expanded their operations in Ontario, Canada's manufacturing heartland.

"(Toyota Motor Manufacturing) has become one of Toyota's largest, most successful manufacturing

dition in North America for vehicle assembly," said Brad Duguid, Ontario's Minister of Economic Development and Innovation.

Still those companies have faced problems in Asia, where the March earthquake and tsunami and the recent massive flooding in Thailand have cut parts supplies and slowed down their global output, even in Canada.

On Thursday, a ceremony in Blue Springs, Miss., formally marked the recent start of production, almost five years after Toyota announced it would build a new plant in the tiny town in the sparsely populated hills of north Mississippi.

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2005 to 2010 Chrysler 300



Engines



Standard was a 3.5-litre V-6 with 250 horsepower. A 5.7-litre HEMI V-8 could be fitted with 340 horsepower. That figure climbed slightly towards the end of the generation. All-wheel drive was available with either engine.

What owners like



The 300's styling, available V-8 power, honest pricing and comfort levels attracted many shoppers to showrooms — while a plush ride, easy-to-use cabin and overall value sealed the deal.

What owners dislike



Common gripes included slippery handling on snow and ice (proper tires will help a lot here), sub-par gas mileage with either engine, and limited visibility.

Common issues

Powertrain problems are more likely to be electronics-related than mechanical in nature. Ensure no warning lights are illuminated, the engine runs smoothly, and all instruments work as expected. A "scan" of the 300's computer system is also suggested ahead of your purchase.

Have the underside of your potential used 300 checked for leaks, especially around the transmission and transfer case (if equipped with AWD).

Verdict

At the end of the day, lower-than-average resale values, high-class styling and available HEMI performance should make the Chrysler 300 a popular choice with budget-minded performance and luxury enthusiasts.

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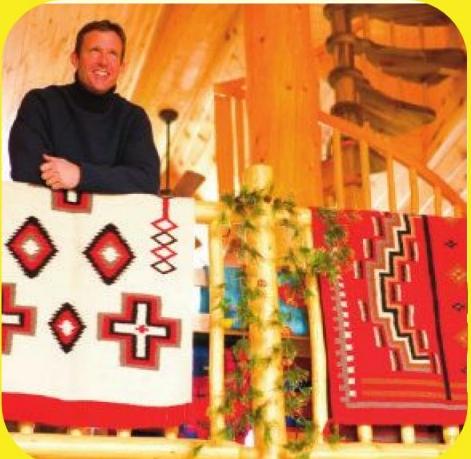
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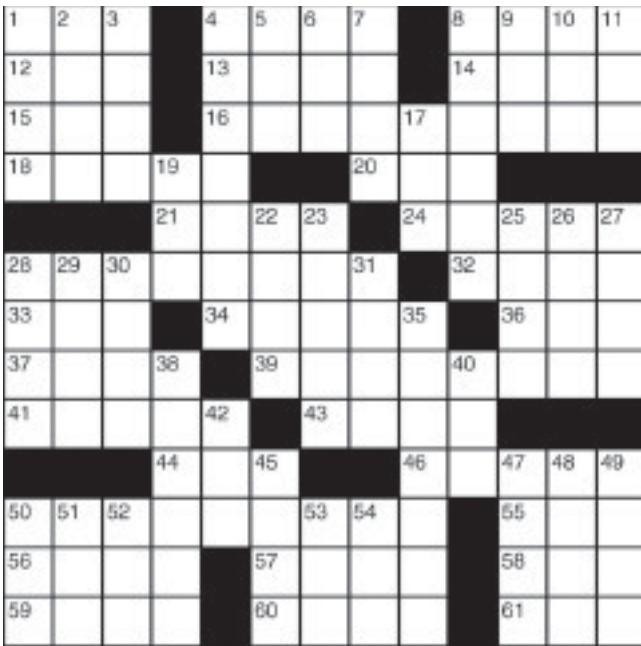


Crossword

Across

1 Pump up the volume
4 Poolroom supply
8 Vase-shaped jug
12 Maui souvenir
13 Frizzy hairstyle
14 Tragic
15 Proscribe
16 Gave a sermon
18 Seaweed, e.g.
20 Mr. Sajak
21 Amorphous mass
24 "La — Vita"
28 Additionally
32 Streamlet
33 Lawyers' org.
34 Big brass
36 Unruly bunch
37 Daughters' counterparts
39 Lien of a sort
41 Arrangement
43 Machu Picchu's place
44 Slithery squeezer
46 Civil War victors
50 Not merely embarrassed

55 Modern-day evidence
56 Disturb
57 Advan-tage
58 Freddy's street
59 Old woman's home?
60 Merino, e.g.
61 Nay opposer
Down
1 Actress Jessica
2 Repast
3 Engine knock
4 King Arthur's realm
5 E.T.'s craft



6 Blunder
7 Detergent
8 Film worker
9 Oz bigwig, for short
10 Prior to
11 Roulette bet
17 Young fellow
19 Census statistic
22 Egg
23 Jazz style
25 43-Across' capital
26 Stop up
27 North Sea feeder
28 Church service
29 Reed instrument
30 Carry on
31 Exceptional
35 Fruity pastry
38 Nuanced
40 Pistol
42 Luau side dish
45 Not many
47 Concept
48 Sans siblings
49 Appellation
50 "Miniver"
51 Reaction to fireworks
52 Carnival city
53 Altar affirmative
54 Id counterpart
55

► Yesterday's answer



For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

your spending to a minimum.

♂ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Strive to have fun.

♀ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

You cannot be bothered with trivialities. It's the big questions that excite you.

♂ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Reach out and make contact with someone who appears to be different.

♀ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

You will be under a lot of pressure today, but there is no doubt at all that you can handle it, so don't panic.

• SALLY BROMPTON

Today's horoscope



♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You sometimes find it hard to change course when the situation demands it, but today you will do whatever is necessary to get out of the hole you find yourself in.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You may have to be ruthless with someone you have dealings with today, especially if they have been wasting your time on trivialities.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 If you start the week in a positive frame of mind you will find it easier to deal with what happens around the time of Friday's eclipse.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 What the planets are trying to tell you is that you have been pushing yourself too hard.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 Set your own targets and make your own rules.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Family affairs have been a bit difficult of late, but you will soon get the chance to put things right.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 The approaching solar eclipse will make getting through to other people very easy indeed.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Keep

Sudoku

9		8						
1	5		2	4			7	
	2	8	9					
					4	8		
8	7				6	5		
	1	3						
				6	7	2		
2		4	3		1	9		
				5		8		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►

8	4	1	3	6	2	5	9	7
5	3	9	4	7	1	8	6	2
6	2	7	9	5	8	1	3	4
7	5	3	8	4	6	2	1	9
9	6	8	1	2	7	3	4	5
2	1	4	5	9	3	7	8	6
4	8	6	7	3	5	9	2	1
3	7	2	6	1	9	4	5	8
1	9	5	2	8	4	6	7	3

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